

A HORRIBLE WRECK.

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One of the Passengers Loses His Reason and takes His Own Life—Boiler Explosion the Cause of the Disaster—Express Car Inmates Escape.

Orange City, Kan., October 5.—A frightful railway wreck, attended by various loss of life and made more terrible by the self-murder of one of the terrified passengers, occurred at 5 o'clock yesterday morning on the Santa Fe road two miles north of this station. Seven dead bodies have been recovered from the wreck and it is feared that other victims are buried beneath the debris. The wrecked train was the eastbound passenger, No. 2, the same that had such a thrilling experience with bandits in New Mexico Friday night last. The wreck was caused by the explosion of the boiler of the locomotive. The engineer should have stopped for water, but being behind time, he endeavored to run to the next tank. The engineer and fireman both met death in the wreck.

The train had proceeded but two miles beyond this place when two terrific explosions were heard, one following close upon the other. The locomotive was completely shattered. The express, baggage and passenger coaches came crashing on the wrecked engine and the coaches that were ahead, piled up in one heap upon the wreck. The coaches in the rear were all derailed, but the passengers riding in the cars escaped injury. The wreck was marked by scenes of the wildest confusion among the terrified passengers. The nerves of many were at such a high pitch as to render them frantic. When the crash first came the impression of nearly all was that the train had been attacked by robbers.

One passenger, William Beckler of Los Angeles, Cal., en route to Chicago, seemed to lose his reason. When the crash came he drew a pistol from his pocket and in the presence of a car full of terrified passengers, took his own life. Beckler had been drinking heavily.

Owing to the excitement and confusion, little could be done to rescue the injured and remove the dead bodies until dawn. Seven dead bodies were finally recovered. The dead are:

William Beckler, Los Angeles.
Engineer Strump, Topeka.
Fireman Harry Hollister, Topeka.
Wm. McAdams, a tramp, supposed to be from Chillicothe, Iowa.

Three tramps, names unknown.
Among those injured are: Mrs. Emma Maxwell, an editor on the Telegram, Colorado Springs, hands and arms cut; Wilford Burrs, tramp, legs and arms cut; James Coleman, tramp, cut and badly bruised.

None of the expressmen or mail clerks were seriously injured.

Want a Reduction.

Millville, N. J., October 5.—Whitehall, Tatum & Co., one of the firms who have held against this year's scale of wages asked by the Glass-workers' union, announced last night that a number of furnaces would be started up at once, and if 20 per cent less wages was agreed upon, work would be given the men immediately. Should the union decline, the men will be appealed to individually, and the places of those not accepting will be filled. The firm employs over 1300 hands and it is believed should the firm carry its statement into execution difficulties would follow.

Accidentally Killed Himself.

Chattanooga, Tenn., October 5.—The dead body of James Miller, a well known resident of Bronco, Ga., was found in the woods about a mile from that town this morning with a gun that had recently been discharged lying near him. Miller was squirrel hunting yesterday, and it is supposed that he accidentally shot himself. He leaves a widow and a large family.

Pasture Fence Cut.

Hempstead, Texas, October 5.—About ten miles of the "F" pasture fence was cut last Friday night. This makes three times this fence has been cut within the last three or four months. The company will probably not rebuild it on the present line.

Every lover of the light harness horse will be interested in E. B. Abercrombie's article on "Trotting Road Teams and Their Drivers," in Outing for October.

Suspicious of Gould's Yacht.

London, October 5.—The field announces that it has been decided to postpone the publication here of Mr. Howard Gould's letter on the subject of an unannounced visit of inspection to his yacht Niagara by a committee of the yacht racing association, on account of suspicions that the yacht's water tanks were used for shifting ballast in a way to give it an advantage. The postponement of the publication, the Field says, will be until the yacht racing association has had an opportunity to consider the question.

Train Held Up.

Denver, Colo., October 3.—A special to the Republican from Albuquerque, N. M., says that a message received at 10 p. m. stated that the east-bound Atlantic and Pacific passenger train, due at this city at 8:45 was being held up at Rio Puerco bridge, about thirty miles from this city. As soon as the train pulled out of the station it was halted by several masked men and the express manager commanded to open the door of his car. A general fusillade of shots kept the passengers terrorized. When the robbers jumped on the engine and compelled the engineer and firemen to uncouple the engine and express car from the train, Deputy United States Marshal Loomis, who was returning from the West, took in the situation and fired at the first man, killing Cole Young. The robbers then commenced shooting, and shot a letter from the hand of a brakeman. Runners are current here that several others were shot, but this is not yet confirmed.

Rio Puerco is only a watering station, with telegraph operator, in charge of the pump man. The robbers, after cutting the engine and express car from the train, ran to the bridge, several hundred yards away. The pump man reported having heard an explosion, and believed the robbers burned up an excursion car. Engineer Ross was guarded by a robber.

The Atlantic and Pacific company will send a special train of officers to the scene at once.

Death List Growing.

Pensacola, Fla., Oct. 3.—All efforts to reach Cedar Keys by wire today have been unavailing as the telegraph lines and the railroad are completely wrecked for many miles outside the town.

Further reports received today from interior points in the path of the tornado show that it was the most destructive storm ever known in the state. The death list is growing and the destruction to buildings, crops, timber, railroads, live stock, etc., is now estimated at millions of dollars. The State Agricultural college at Lake City was badly damaged, and many of the finest depots along the line of railroads are complete wrecks.

The large phosphate works in Alachua county were badly damaged and all the turpentine works in that section were destroyed. In many districts not a vestige was left of the growing crops. The storm was not expected in the interior and many persons were killed who might have sought shelter had they been warned. The people were panic-stricken and many rushed from their homes to meet death from flying timbers, limbs, etc. A panic prevailed among the students of the State college at Lake City, but while the buildings were partially wrecked, the professors and students escaped injury.

McCarthy Released.

Eagle Pass, Texas, October 3.—Conductor Jerry McCarthy, who has been in prison in C. P. Diaz, the past forty-eight days, was today released. The papers covering the whole of the proceedings in his case were forwarded to Mexico City directly after the test was made with the dummy in which it was proved that it was impossible for a man to be killed when thrown from a train in the manner the prosecuting witness testified Mr. McCarthy threw this man off. The Mexico City authorities issued a certificate completely exonerating Mr. McCarthy and stating that suit should never have been instituted. Thus a long and tedious case which has been of interest to railroad men throughout the United States has been disposed of and there is much rejoicing on the border. Mr. McCarthy was the recipient of many courtesies at the hands of the Mexican authorities during his long imprisonment.

Vessel and Cargo Burned.

Wilmington, N. C., October 2.—The Swedish bark Bernadi, Captain Westberg, was destroyed by fire while in port, and both vessel and cargo of rosin are a total loss.

Palmer's Campaign Committee.

Chicago, October 3.—The executive committee of the national democratic party met here yesterday and selected a campaign committee composed of Chairman Bynum of Indiana, Vice Chairman Hopkins of Illinois, D. R. Lawler of Minnesota, W. B. Haldeman of Kentucky, L. C. Krauthoff of Missouri, L. M. Martin of Iowa, W. D. Shelly of Michigan, E. E. Usher of Wisconsin, J. P. French of Indiana, C. V. Holman of Maine. It was decided to make special efforts for carrying Illinois for Palmer and Buckner.

Trocha Destroyed.

New Orleans, October 3.—The Times-Democrat's Key West special dispatch says: Advice received here from Havana state that Antonio Maceo in his recent attack in the trocha inflicted terrible losses on the Spaniards, more than 1000 being killed and wounded. The attack was made at night and was carefully planned. The fighting was general all along the line, but was fiercest near Artemisa, where Maceo led a picked force of insurgents against the Spanish column commanded by General Arlas.

Hurricane in Florida.

Memphis, Tenn., October 1.—A special to the Commercial-Appeal from Jacksonville, Fla., says:

It is a conservative estimate to say that fifty people have lost their lives from yesterday's hurricane, and the number may run much higher.

News from that portion of the State where the storm first struck is very slow in coming, for the wires are down and railroads are impassable. Wrecking parties which went out this morning have not returned and it will be late today before the full extent of damage is known.

The hurricane struck Florida at Cedar Keys, and reports show that it passed in its path of destruction over twenty towns and villages and that between thirty and forty people have certainly been killed.

Cedar Keys is about 100 miles south-west of Jacksonville. The hurricane which had been churning the water of the Gulf first struck this place, a village of 500 inhabitants. The only report which has come concerning Cedar Keys is that the town has been swept away and many lives have been lost. This report comes from Gainesville, which is fifty miles away. Nobody has been able to get anything direct from Cedar Keys. Moving northwesterly the storm struck Williston, a small town, where eleven homes were blown down, one person killed and several so badly hurt that it is expected they will die.

Ready For Trouble.

Leadville, Colo., August 1.—Mine operators are preparing for the worst. Fences are being built around all of the principal mines preparatory to resuming work with non-union miners. The stockades to enclose the Ibez groups of gold mines, including the Little Johnny, the construction of which was begun by a large force of workmen yesterday morning, will be a mile in circumference and bullet proof in every part. All the families of the union miners living in buildings erected on the Ibez company's lands will be evicted. To put a stop to guerrilla warfare on the hills at night it is proposed to place two flash lights at points so that the country around can be swept and the guerrillas located.

Railroad Collision.

Terrell, Texas, October 1.—The Texas Midland and Texas and Pacific engines collided at the crossing Monday. The Midland engineer had whistled for the crossing and was moving when the Texas and Pacific engine whistled and started. The Midland engine lost its pilot, but the Texas and Pacific engine was pretty well crippled, and the Texas and Pacific cars were badly torn on the north side by the Midland engine. The Texas and Pacific trains received considerable damage, while the Midland engine suffered only slightly, though it looked awful squally for a moment or so.

Cranfill Labeled Sult.

Paris, Texas, October 1.—The case of Dr. J. B. Cranfill of Waco, editor of the Texas Baptist Standard, charged with criminal libel, was called in the county court today and continued until the December term by the state on account of absence of witnesses. Great interest is manifested in the case by Baptists throughout the state and prohibitionists all over the United States on account of the prominence of the defendant.

Accident at a Gin.

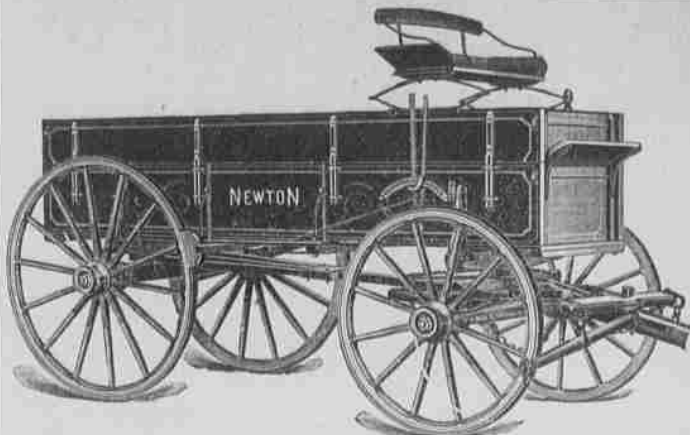
Buffalo, Texas, August 1.—W. D. Dorham, living sixteen miles east of this place, was caught in the machinery of his gin late yesterday evening while attempting to oil one of the pulleys, and was hurt so badly that he died two hours afterward. He was one of Leon's best citizens and had been in the gin business for several years, and had just put in a new outfit of the latest improved machinery.

Sultan Pledges Protection.

London, October 1.—The Chronicle's Berlin correspondent reports a Constantinople dispatch which says that a committee of representatives of France, Germany, Austria and England has been appointed by the sultan to inquire into the causes of the late massacres in Kharpout, which were precipitated by an attack of Armenian revolutionists on the Ottoman bank. This dispatch also reports that the sultan's letter to Emperor William pledges protection to all Christians in Turkey except those engaged in anarchism.

A Consul Murdered.

Vienna, October 1.—Advice from Belgrade say that the brother of the Austrian consul at Serres, Macedonia, who was carried off by a band of Bulgarian brigands some two weeks ago, with a wealthy Greek landed proprietor and others, has been murdered, with four of his associates, because the ransom of \$50,000 demanded by the brigands as the price of their liberty was not forthcoming. At one time it was reported that the Austrian consul himself had been kidnapped. This rumor, it now seems, was incorrect.



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